Help Prevent Child Hunger All Year Long



About the Programs

The *Summer Food Service Program* serves free, nutritious meals and snacks to kids and teens in low-income areas during the summer. The meals help children get the nutrition they need to grow, learn, and play when school is out.

The CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program provides eligible after school programs with funds for nutritious meals and snacks served to all children and teens 18 years and younger. Providers can receive reimbursement throughout the school year for each child who is served a snack and/or meal after school hours.

These programs complement one another nicely.

CACFP At-Risk ends with the school year just in time for summer to begin. The After-School Snack Program through the National School Lunch Program is another option for programs, but it does not allow for non-school programs to participate or for a supper meal to be reimbursed. This full meal is a key offering with the At-Risk program.

Why these Programs are Important:

Hungry children cannot learn.

Many children rely on the meals and snacks they receive at school. Healthy food is not always available for these children when the school day ends and when school lets out for the summer months. By providing nutritious food after school and during the summer children will have the fuel they need for success, as well as a safe place to learn and play.

Who is Eligible?

SFSP

There are a variety of ways to qualify a Summer Meal site.

- School data
 50% or more of the
 children are eligible for
 free or reduced price
 school meals
- Census data
- Local data

CACFP At-Risk

After school programs may receive CACFP meal and snack reimbursement if:

- Educational or enrichment activities are provided
- Programs are located where 50% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced price school meals

Help Maine children receive the nutrition they need **every day** to be healthy, active, and ready for the future!

Making the Transition

Learn more about how you can help feed youth in your community all year long!

These child nutrition programs are Federally-funded through the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

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What does this mean for you?

When you make the transition from one program to the other:

- You will be offering children a place to access nutritious food every season!
- You will have contact with two State Agencies:
 - We are here to help you to meet program requirements and grow your programs.
- Initially, you will have two sets of paperwork and agreements;
 - However, daily paperwork requirements are minimal.
- Most importantly –

You will be helping children in your care become **healthy**, active, and ready for the future!

Program Similarities:

- Provides healthy, nutritious food
- Meal Patterns/Components
- Daily Record Keeping
 - Meal count requirements

Program Differences:

- Eligibility
- Reimbursement Rates
- Type of meals reimbursed per day
- Required enrichment activities (CACFP)

2014 Reimbursement Rates:

SFSP:

Rates	Breakfast	Lunch/Supper	Snack
Rural/Self-Prep	2.0225	3.5450	0.8400
Urban/Vended	1.9850	3.4875	0.8225

CACFP At-Risk:

Rates	Lunch/Supper	Snack
Free	\$2.98	\$0.82

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